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For (Title):

VALVE-DRIVING SYSTEM OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

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\boxtimes	Formal drawings (Figs. 1-23; 19 sheets) are attached.
	Use Figure for front page of Publication.
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	This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No filed
	(A Preliminary Amendment is attached to reflect this claim in the Specification if not already present.)
\boxtimes	This patent application is assigned to TOYOTA JIDOSHA KABUSHIKI KAISHA.
	The executed Assignment is filed herewith.
	An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
	Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
	A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
\boxtimes	Priority of foreign application No. 2002-354206 filed December 5, 2002 in Japan is claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
	A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application(s) is filed herewith.
	This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that
	the invention disclosed in this application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or
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